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Applicant: *Baptista*
Application No.: 10/789,456
Examiner: Eugene Lee Kim
Art Unit: 3721
Filed: February 26, 2004
For: **VACUUM PACKAGING APPLIANCE WITH VACUUM
SIDE CHANNEL LATCHES**

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Transmittal Of Preliminary Amendment

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1. Transmitted herewith are the following:

Preliminary Amendment
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2. Provisional Fee Authorization

Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment in fees for timely filing to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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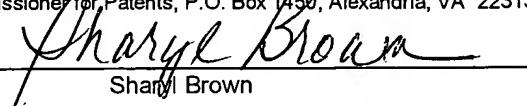
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EXAMINER: EUGENE LEE KIM

GROUP ART UNIT: 3721

Preliminary Amendment

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 3, 2005. A response is due by April 4, 2005. Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows: